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DEVELOPMENTS.

1. TURKEY'S ROLE AT THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE, FAILURE BY THE
U.S. CONGRESS TO ACT ON LEGISLATION LIFTING THE ARMS EMBARGO,
AND REPORTS THAT TURKISH AND GREEK CYPRIOTS HAD AGREED IN
VIENNA ON THE MOVEMENT OF POPULATIONS DOMINATED FRONT PAGES OF
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MAJOR TURKISH DAILIES SATURDAY (AUG. 2).

2. HELSINKI DATED LINE FRONT PAGE STORIES IN MILLIYET AND CUMHURİYET REPORTED THAT THE EEC HAS BEGUN ACTIVELY TO CONSIDER THE CYPRUS SITUATION. MILLIYET'S HEADLINE DECLARED THAT THE EEC HAS BEGUN "CONCILIATION ACTIVITIES" WHILE CUMHURİYET SAID THAT EEC "PRESSURE FOR CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS HAD GROWN." ACCORDING TO MILLIYET, TURKEY HAS MADE THE LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO A CONDITION OF CONCILIATION EFFORTS.

3. OTHER FRONT PAGE STORIES FROM HELSINKI REPORTED TURKEY'S EFFORTS TO REGISTER ITS RESERVATIONS ON THE CYPRUS REPRESENTATION ISSUE. HEADLINES AND STORIES IN OPPOSITION PAPERS STRESSED THAT DESPITE STRENUOUS EFFORTS, TURKEY FAILED TO HAVE ITS RESERVATION INCLUDED IN THE MEETING'S FINAL DOCUMENT.

4. FAILURE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ACT TO LIFT THE EMBARGO PRIOR TO THE AUGUST RECESS RECEIVED HEAVY PLAY IN MOST DAILIES. STORIES NOTED THAT REP. MADDEN, WHO WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN KEEPING THE MEASURE FROM THE HOUSE FLOOR, MADE STRONGLY ANTI-TURKISH STATEMENTS. ACCOUNTS ALSO NOTED AMBASSADOR ESENBEL'S NEW CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON WHERE HE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT U.S. PERSONNEL WERE FREE TO REMAIN IN TURKEY.

5. IN OTHER COVERAGE, GUNAYDIN AND BARIS GAVE FRONT PAGE PLAY TO A REPORT FROM WASHINGTON THAT REP. CHARLES RANGEL HAD ANNOUNCED THAT AT HELSINKI, PRESIDENT FORD HAD TOLD PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL THAT ANY COUNTRY WHICH FAILED TO COOPERATE IN PREVENTING DRUG SMUGGLING TO THE U.S. WOULD BE REGARDED AS A THREAT TO U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY.

6. FRIDAY'S ROCK-THROWING, FLAG-BURNING INCIDENT AT USIS (SEE ANKARA 5989) RECEIVED LITTLE ATTENTION. SEVERAL DAILIES CARRIED BRIEF ACCOUNTS ON INSIDE PAGES WHICH NOTED THAT ABOUT 10 TO 15 PERSONS WERE INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT.

7. SATURDAY EDITIONS CARRIED A NUMBER OF MINOR ITEMS CONCERNING DEVELOPMENTS WITH RESPECT TO COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS.

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--GUNAYDIN AND TERCUMAN REPORTED THAT U.S. COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS ON CYPRUS WILL REMAIN BE SHUT DOWN IN ACCORD WITH A DECISION REACHED BY THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT FEDERATED STATE.

-- GUNAYDIN REPORTED THAT, "ACCORDING TO POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES IN ANKARA", TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS ON A NEW TURKISH-AMERICAN DEFENSE AGREEMENT MAY BEGIN IN AUGUST AND THAT,

AS DOES SPAIN, TURKEY MAY DEMAND RENT FOR U.S. INSTALLATIONS
ON HER SOIL.

--BOTH GUNAYDIN AND CUMHURIYET GAVE FRONT PAGE PLAY TO A
STORY IN THE FINANCIAL TIMES OF LONDON WHICH ALLEGED THAT
CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS AT U.S. COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS HAD
BEEN DESTROYED TO PREVENT THEM FROM FALLING INTO TURKISH HANDS.

8. EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THE EMBARGO AND THE SITUATION OF U.S.
COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS LARGELY REPEATED THEMES DEVELOPED EARLIER.

BUT A COMMENTARY BY ABDULLAH URAZ IN PRO-JUSTICE PARTY SON HAVADIS
SAID THAT: "DEMIREL, BY CHALLENGING THE CIA ONCE AGAIN,
HAS NOT ONLY CLOSED DOWN THE COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS AND
CALLED THE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS VOID, BUT ALSO HAS PROTECTED
THE DIGNITY OF THE TURKISH NATION BY REJECTING THE 50 MILLION
DOLLAR OFFER. NOW, THE CIA ONCE AGAIN WILL TAKE ACTION AND WILL
TRY TO FIND ANOTHER MARCH 12 GOVERNMENT."
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